AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. COBURN TO THE MEDICARE RECONCILIATION PROVISIONS

(Page & line nos. Refer to the Committee Print of 6/11/97, COMSUB.RPT)

Amend section 4714 (page 224, line 4 through line 16) to read as follows:

- 1 SEC. 4714. DEFINITION OF HOMEBOUND.
- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The last sentence of section
- 3 1814(a) (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)) and the last sentence of sec-
- 4 tion 1835(a) (42 U.S.C. 1395n(a)) are each amended by
- 5 striking "and that absences of the individual from home
- 6 are infrequent or of relatively short duration, or are attrib-
- 7 utable to the need to receive medical treatment" and in-
- 8 serting "and that (except in the case of services a physi-
- 9 cian certifies to be post-hospital home health services and
- 10 medically necessary to enhance post-hospital recovery) ab-
- 11 sences of the individual from the home are infrequent or
- 12 for periods or relatively short duration and are attrib-
- 13 utable to the need to receive medical treatment that is
- 14 unreceivable in the home. This does not preclude individuals with
- 15 chronic dementia from attending adult day care therapy."
- 16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.- The amendments made by subsection
- 17 (a) apply to services furnished on or after October 1, 1997.